

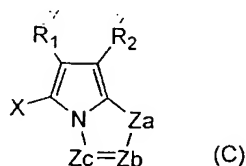
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

**Claims 1-20 (canceled).**

21. (currently amended): A method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material by using at least one type of a compound represented by the following general formula (C):



wherein Za represents -NH- or -CH(R<sub>3</sub>)-; Zb and Zc independently represent -C(R<sub>4</sub>)= or -N=; R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> independently represent an electron attractive group having a Hammett constant  $\sigma_p$  value of 0.2 to 1.0; R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or substituent wherein when there are two R<sub>4</sub> in the formula, they may be the same or different; and X represents a hydrogen atom or substituent, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (C) has a reactivity (CRV) with an oxidized color developing agent of 0.01 to 0.1.

22. (currently amended): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim ±21, wherein the addition of the compound

represented by the general formula (C) changes a film pAg ( $\Delta$  pAg<sub>F</sub>) of the silver halide color photosensitive material by 0 to 0.3.

23. (currently amended): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim ±21, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (C) has a pKa value of 6.0 to 8.4.

Claim 24 (canceled).

25. (currently amended): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim ±21, wherein the method comprises adding, to a red-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer of the silver halide color photosensitive material, the compound represented by the general formula (C), wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, Z<sub>a</sub>, Z<sub>b</sub> and Z<sub>c</sub> have the same meanings as those in claim ±21, respectively.

26. (currently amended): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim ±21, wherein the method comprises adding, to a blue-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer of the silver halide color photosensitive material, the compound represented by the general formula (C), wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, Z<sub>a</sub>, Z<sub>b</sub> and Z<sub>c</sub> have the same meanings as those in claim ±21, respectively.

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27. (currently amended): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color  
| photosensitive material according to claim ~~1~~21, wherein a layer of the photosensitive material  
| containing tabular grains having an average aspect ratio of 8 or more, contains at least one  
| compound represented by the general formula (C) described in claim ~~1~~21.